

2014 SPECIAL EVENTS Shades State Park & Turkey Run State Park

Wednesday, January 1
Turkey Run State Park

First Day Hike

Gather at the Turkey Run Inn at 10:30am for a moderate 2-hour winter hike to look for eagles, icicles & frozen waterfalls. Fireside hot chocolate & snacks along the way.

Wednesday, January 1
Shades State Park

First Day Hike

Gather at the Hickory Shelter at 3pm for a 1¼ -hour very rugged hike through a "run." See a unique convex waterfall. Icicles & eagles are a possibility. Snacks & hot chocolate afterwards. Hiking crampons recommended for this slippery trail.

January 24-26, 2014
Turkey Run S P

Eagles In Flight Weekend

Drive in for just the programs, or stay overnight at the Inn. Program fee \$15/person (ages 4-13 \$10/person, under 4 free). Weekend activities include live birds of prey and eagle roost and nest site tours. To reserve a lodging package call 1-877-LODGES1 and use Group Code 0208EW.

Friday & Saturday, April 18 & 19, 2014
Turkey Run State Park

Earth Day Festival

Schools and home school groups must pre-register for Friday activities. Saturday open to the public. Includes many fun conservation activities.

Saturday & Sunday, May 3-4, 2014
Turkey Run & Shades State Parks

Welcome Back Weekend

Join us for hikes, star shows, bird feeding workshops & other fun family activities. 765-597-2654 for details

Saturday, June 28, 2014
Shades State Park

Shades 3rd Annual Chautauqua & Stargazing

Turn of the century music, magic, Miami Nation drum circle, live falconry demonstration & more, under the tent all afternoon and evening at the Hickory Shelter. Bean dinner sponsored by local VFD. A variety of large telescopes will be set up from dark till 1am with the Wabash Valley Astronomical Society.



Saturday, July 19, 2014
Turkey Run State Park

Pioneer Heritage Festival

All hands-on; candle making, Pioneer games & toys, corn husk dolls, cross cut sawing, hand churned ice cream and more!

Saturday, August 2, 2014
Turkey Run State Park

Smokey Bear's Birthday

Hopalong Cassidy tells Smokey's story, wildland & structure firemen presentation, cake & ice cream, pictures with Smokey Bear and more!

Saturday, August 9, 2014
Turkey Run State Park

Archaeology Day

Atlatl spear throwing, mock dig & other prehistoric activities. Archaeologist present: visitors can bring stone tools and points for ID & origins

Saturday, September 6, 2014
Shades State Park

Archaeology Day

Discover how to be an archaeologist: surveys, digs & tools. Also prehistoric crafts and life skills, including spear throwing with an atlatl. Brings your stone tool collections for ID.

Saturday, September 27, 2014
Turkey Run State Park

National Public Lands Day

Work Day; give something back to the parks you love and help clean up the trails or eradicate non-native plants. Bring work gloves, drinking water & a sack lunch. Great family activity.

Saturday, October 24-25, 2014
Turkey Run State Park

Halloween Camping Weekend

People & Pet costume contests, Monster Egg Hunt, Campsite Decorating Contest, creepy programs, trick-or-treating and more! Make camping reservations at Camp.IN.gov or 1-866-622-6746.

Save The Date

Friday & Saturday
January 30-31, 2015
Turkey Run State Park

Eagles In Flight Weekend

Live eagles in the wild and in the hand. Other live raptor programs, nest and roost tours, and more.

